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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #24

Sherwood Boehlert

"We are really happy with the (Partners for Fish and Wildlife) Program and enjoy our wetland. The neighbors also enjoy the wildlife it attracts" said Jackie Keenen about the wetlands restored on her property 10 years ago. Ms. Keenen is one of the 2,500 in New York who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore wildlife habitat on their lands. Through its innovative Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Service provides technical advice and funding to help

In Congressional District 24

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored
Number of Sites Restored
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list

118

1615

337

Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored
193

Number of Landowners Participating in PFW
59

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments

landowners like Ms. Keenen realize their goal of making their land a better place for wildlife and in the process a better place for themselves.

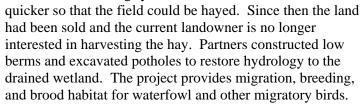
Accomplishments

New York State's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners Program has been very active in Congressional District 22 restoring all types of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the

landowners as well.

In the 2005 field season, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program teamed up with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition to restore a 50 acre drained wetland. The project was being used as a reed canary grass hay field. Each spring the Tioughnioga River would flood its banks and spill onto the 50 acre field. Past landowners installed an elaborate ditching system to make the water drain off

Before and after Restoration



Goals

- To restore 5,000 acres of wetland habitat for waterfowl, water birds, and song birds.
- To restore 2,000 acres of grassland habitat for grassland nesting birds like the bobolink.
- To restore 10 miles of streams using natural channel design including Spafford Creek, Owego Creek, and Susquehanna River for the benefit of wildlife and water quality.

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Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Student Conservation Association